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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
STATISTICS—1969 SEASON

No. of Members	No. of Clubs	No. of Players	N.B.A. Subscription £	s.	d.	E.B.A. Subscription £	s.	d.
Up to 30	39	1,010	58	10	0	39	0	0
31–50	22	926	44	0	0	33	0	0
51–100	10	695	30	0	0	20	0	0
Over 100	4	716	18	0	0	10	0	0
	75	3,347	£150	10	0	£102	0	0

RECORD OF PAST OFFICIALS

Presidents :

1906–1921	J. Manfield	1949	F. Tye
1922–1923	Sir James Crockett	1950	A. Fletcher
1924	F. Tyler	1951	J. C. Halliday
1925	G. Bull	1952	G. T. Dunkley
1926	G. Wright	1953	T. A. Lovell
1927	A. Allebone	1954	C. A. Chown
1928	M. E. Goldsmith	1955	D. Gamble
1929	E. Everard	1956	F. C. L. Carress
1930	J. W. Turner	1957	H. T. Bye
1931	R. R. Brown	1958	T. Roberts
1932	W. Munks	1959	H. Wills
1933	H. W. Caswell	1960	G. Robinson
1934	G. S. Bull	1961	D. Wilson
1935	J. A. Harris	1962	H. W. Dawson
1936	J. H. Sharpe	1963	A. V. Wintersgill
1937	W. Roddis	1964	C. F. Thorneloe
1938	H. C. Roberts	1965	P. A. Talmage
1939–1945	W. C. Tarry	1966	G. F. Wright
1946	W. J. Moore	1967	A. E. Mandeville
1947	B. D. Harries	1968	D. E. Cooper
1948	F. W. Goodwin	1969	J. A. Hodson

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1906–1921	F. Ellen	1945–1957	W. C. Smith
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1913–1920	G. E. Holmes	1947–1956	R. Knight
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To all these gentlemen, past and present, the Association's grateful thanks.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Fixtures for 1970

MAR.	W.	4	Northants Executive v. Ascot Indoor B.C. 3 p.m.	Ascot
APRIL	S.	11	Northants Executive v. Essex County Indoor B.C., 2.30 p.m.	Westcliffe
,,	S.	18	Northants Executive v. Wymondham Dell Indoor, 2.30 p.m.	Wymondham
MAR.	F.	13	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 7.15 p.m., Kettering Conservative Club.	
APRIL	W.	1	Middleton Cup and M.C.B.A. nominations close.	
MAY	S.	9	Northants Middleton Cup Trial, 3 p.m. ..	Abington
,,	S.	16	Berkshire, 2.30 p.m.	Earls Barton
,,	S.	23	M.C. LEICESTERSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Abington
,,	S.	23-30	PRESIDENT'S TOUR TO SUSSEX ..	Headquarters, Hove
,,	Th.	28	Glamorgan Tourists, 3 p.m.	Westwood Works
,,	S.	30	Essex, 3 p.m.	Kettering Lodge
,,	S.	30	International Trial Match	Watneys
JUNE	S.	6	M.C. LINCOLNSHIRE, 2.30 p.m. ..	Away
,,	S.	13	Surrey, 2.30 p.m.	Away
,,	S.	20	Northants Vice-Presidents Assoc., 3 p.m. ..	Abington
,,	W.	24	Northants Executive v. Earls Barton, 6 p.m.	Earls Barton
,,	S.	27	M.C. DERBYSHIRE	Abington
,,	S.	27	Manfield Cup	
JULY	W.	1-3	International Matches	Glasgow
,,	Th.	2	Middlesex, 2.30 p.m.	Away
,,	Th.	9	London Parks B.A., 3 p.m.	St. Crispins Hospital
,,	S.	11	M.C. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Away
,,	W.	15	Durham Tourists, 3 p.m.	Rushden
,,	Th.	16	Norfolk, 3 p.m.	Away
,,	S.	18	Gloucestershire, 2.30 p.m.	County Ground
,, *	W.	22	Lincolnshire, 3 p.m. LOST 23-17	Thrapston WON BY 35 SHOTS
,,	S.	25	M.C.B.A. WORCESTERSHIRE (Subject to alteration if either County reaches Quarter Finals, M.C.), 3 p.m.	Away
,,	S.	25	Middleton Cup Quarter Finals	Away
,,	Th.	30	Cambridgeshire, 3 p.m.	S. & L., Corby
AUG. *	S.	1	Buckinghamshire, 3 p.m. LOST 17-19 ..	Away x WON BY 1 SHOT
,,	S.	8	Leicestershire, 3 p.m.	Away
,,	M.	10-22	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ..	Watneys
,,	S.	15	Hertfordshire, 2.30 p.m.	Away
,,	Th.	20	Northants Executive v. Kettering Lodge B.C., 3 p.m.	Kettering
,,	S.	22	Suffolk, 3 p.m.	Away
,,	S.	22	Middleton Cup Semi-Finals and Final ..	Watneys
,,	Th.	27	Metropolitan Police, 3 p.m.	West End
,,	S.	29	M.C.B.A. WARWICKSHIRE, 2.30 p.m.	Bidford-on-Avon B.C.
SEPT.	S.	5	Bedfordshire, 3 p.m.	Away
,,	S.	19	Warwickshire, 3 p.m.	Wellingborough Town
,,	F.	25	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 7.15 p.m. ..	Kettering Con. Club.
,,	S.	26	Guiness, Park Royal, 3 p.m.	Away
NOV.	S.	21	Desborough Indoor B.C., 2.30 p.m. ..	Maidenhead
OCT.	W.	21	N.B.A. Annual Dinner & Presentations, 7 p.m.	Overstone
NOV.	S.	7	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m. Abington B.C.	Northampton
DEC.	S.	5	E.B.A. Annual Meeting & Dinner, Connaught Rooms	London
,,	S.	12	N.B.A. Annual General Meeting, 2.30 p.m. Abington B.C.	Northampton

M.C. means Middleton Cup E.B.A. County Competition
M.C.B.A. means Midland Counties Championship

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SUCCESSES IN E.B.A. (NATIONAL) CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1910	WINNER	F. Shatford (Kettering)
1951	Semi-Finalist	B. Knowles (West End)
1968	Semi-Finalist	R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
1969	Semi-Finalist	R. S. T. King (Abington)

PAIRS

1928	WINNERS	W. Pendered & W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1932	WINNERS	A. H. Bull & G. S. Bull (Wellingborough Town)
1945	Runners-up	W. T. Lawton & A. F. Knight (Abington)
1965	Semi-Finalists	S. Carter & R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
1967	WINNERS	T. Morgan & J. Hope (County Ground)**
1969	Semi-Finalists	G. T. Wills & D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)

TRIPLES

1950	Runners-up	H. Wills, F. Tye & G. Fox (Rushden Town)
1953	Runners-up	F. V. V. Purser, A. F. Knight & C. J. Knight (Abington)
1964	Runners-up	S. Carter, R. Brook & R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
1965	WINNERS	E. Willson, L. Coker & D. E. Cooper (Kettering Lodge)
1968	WINNERS	H. Sturgess, J. Forster & R. Crawley (Wellingborough Town)
1969	WINNERS	E. Randall, G. T. Wills & D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)

FOURS

1909	WINNERS	J. T. Goode, C. Vorley, J. W. Bellamy & G. P. Coe (Wellingborough Town)
1912	WINNERS	A. J. Rowe, C. S. Jinks, F. J. Lee, C. C. Jinks (Wellingborough Town)
1921	Runners-up	S. Booth, R. Dexter, G. Bull, W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1954	Runners-up	W. J. Stone, F. V. V. Purser, C. J. Knight & A. F. Knight (Abington)
1963	WINNERS	S. Carter, E. F. Marchant, L. Hough & R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)**

** Finalists British Isles Championship

E.B.A. PAST PRESIDENTS FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1913	The Late	ALFRED LEWIS (Kettering Lodge)
1925	The Late	GEORGE WRIGHT (Kettering Lodge)
1961	Alderman	CYRIL A. CHOWN. (County Ground)*

*Hon. Life Member 1962 onwards—English International Selector 1960-1967—currently serving on E.B.A. General Purposes Committee, E.B.A. Finance Committee, and E.B.A. Championship and Rules Committee.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Northants men who have played for England in recognised International Games, first established in 1903.

Bettles, J. H.	Irthlingborough C.I.)	1956-57-58
Bull, A. H.	(Wellingborough Town)	1926-27-30-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-46-47-48-49
Bull, G. S.	(Wellingborough Town)	1926-27-28-30-31-32-33-34-35-36
Chapman, W. J.	(Kettering Lodge)	1946
Coe, G. P.	(Wellingborough Town)	1910
Cooper, D. E.	(Kettering Lodge)	1964-65-66
Dobson, W. R.	(Kettering Lodge)	1924
Goldsmith, M. E.	(County Ground)	1928
Lee, T.	(Wellingborough Town)	1923
Mason C.	(Kettering Cons)	1935
Mason, F.	(Kettering Cons.)	1961
Mitchell, W. J.	(Wellingborough Town)	1929
Redhead, A. J.	(County Ground)	1912
Shatford, F.	(Kettering Cons.)	1910-11-12-14-19-20-21-22-24-25
Stenhouse, R. H.	(Wellingborough Town)	1962-63-64-65-66-67-68-69
Stow, F.	(County Ground)	1909-10-11-13
Wright, G.	(Kettering Lodge)	1913-19-20-21-22-28

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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1970

The Season 1970 has come to its close with happy memories of an excellent bowling year. The County has been ably lead by its President Mr. W. F. Oatridge—"Bill" to all bowlers. A man of unfailing good humour, energy and enthusiasm. Harmony has prevailed throughout the Season and under the leadership of Bill Oatridge the County has fulfilled all its fixtures and commitments. It is recorded that our President has been present at all matches except for two or three fixtures when he was away on the President's Tour to Sussex and Two Club tours—a worthy and exacting effort which the County acknowledges with appreciation. Our President experienced one worrying period due to the indisposition of Mrs. Oatridge but it is with much pleasure that I am now able to report that this charming and long suffering Bowls Widow is now very much better. It is true to say that our President will go anywhere for a game of bowls, time and expense are but secondary considerations. The County thanks Bill Oatridge, both for his generosity and encouragement.

Statistically, the County results are good. 26 matches were played, 17 matches were won, 8 lost and 1 drawn. In addition, 3 Executive matches were won.

The Middleton Cup: 2 wins and 2 losses. The Midland Counties Championship: 4 wins and 2 losses. Overall points result, 2779 for and 2751 against.

The Middleton Cup E.B.A. Competition started disastrously for Northants when Leicestershire won the first match by a margin of 90 to 132, a deficit of 42 shots and 2 points. The next two matches, the County disposed of Lincolnshire and Derbyshire with two comfortable wins and could have qualified in our Group with a win against Nottinghamshire at Notts. H.Q., Nottingham, but were beaten 115 to 127, after leading for three quarters of the match. On the day, Notts. were the better team and we cannot claim a hard luck story.

In the Midland Counties Championship the County did well by winning 4 of the 6 matches. However, as members are aware, in our Middleton Cup Group the Midland Counties Championship and the Middleton Cup matches against 4 of the Counties concerned, count as 1 match for both competitions. Thus Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire had already beaten us in the Middleton Cup and this also counted for the Midland Counties Championship, so there was little chance of winning this competition. Northants were successful in beating Warwickshire (this year's Middleton Cup winners) and Worcestershire and as a result gained a respectable place in the Midland Counties league table.

It would be more satisfactory from Northants point of view, if each of the 7 Counties in the Midland Counties Championship played each other and the Middleton Cup matches were kept entirely separate. Our experience this year proves the point. It is understood that representations, which have been made, have so far been unsuccessful on the grounds of congestion of fixtures. If the Midland Counties Championship is to receive the recognition it deserves, then this excuse is not valid. It is hoped that our Representatives to the M.C.B.A. will continue to press for the Championship to be self contained, especially as three of the Counties now have to play the full quota of six matches.

The Middleton Cup Grouping for 1971 will again bring about a

change for Northants, the second time in four years when the County move to the Group consisting of Bucks, Herts and Oxfordshire. Normally this would present little difficulty if it were not for the Midland Counties Championship, which because of the Middleton Cup re-grouping, necessitates the provision of four extra Saturday matches to fulfil our commitments. The result is that some of our long standing friendly Saturday fixtures have had to be given up and relegated to Mid-week fixtures. It has not been considered advisable to nominate a second Saturday team to accommodate such Counties as Surrey and Essex, who always extend to Northants the compliment of strong opposition. It is hoped that the E.B.A. will not find it necessary to move our County Middleton Cup Grouping again for a number of years.

Our County friendly matches proved to be happy and genial affairs when we won more than we lost. A satisfactory result, especially as the teams chosen for these matches consisted of many players who, as yet have not achieved any particular success in either County or National competitions. The majority of the players being classified as good Club standard and in some cases, not even good. However the point that matters is that the friendly matches provided an experience for some and for others, an appreciation of the standard it is necessary to reach before higher honours can be obtained.

One pleasing result of the friendly matches has been the large number of nominations forwarded by affiliated Clubs to the Selection Committee. Between 60 and 80 names for one match has been commonplace. The large numbers of names for the various matches has meant that some lesser known names have not been successful in obtaining a County game. Nevertheless, the Selection Committee has been as fair as possible and this is supported by the fact that 31 Colts badges were awarded and 29 non-badged players were successful in qualifying for the County badge by obtaining a total of six county matches.

The trend to encourage younger in age players has been pursued. One County badge was awarded this year to a player aged 20 years and several who qualified were under 30 years of age. This is a good insurance for the future and it is noted that other Counties are following this trend. I agree with the policy, but would make the point that in the middle age group there are many bowlers waiting for an opportunity. Natural ability is possessed by a large number of our Club bowlers but in many cases these players do not get the time to play bowls as often as they would wish and after all success comes from practice. The men in form are usually those who play regularly and the key to success is confidence through practice.

County matches have been influenced by rising costs for meals, transport and equipment. As already announced, the cost of a County badge next year will be £3. It is claimed by many that the Northants County badge is as handsome as any in the Country and the appearance should not be spoilt by economy. The badge will continue to be hand-made with gold and silver wire, hence the rise in cost.

Transport is another problem, particularly as there is now a limitation on coach drivers hours of employment and higher wages. It is suggested that a central starting and terminal point in the County for Away matches will reduce cost, mileage and drivers time. If adopted, this will necessitate players making their own transport arrangements to get to and from the

central starting point. Whilst inconvenient in some cases, it could well mean that those last off the coach after an Away match, could get home earlier; instead of following a circuitous route to drop others first. Bearing this in mind, together with cost and time, a central point could be advantageous.

The standard cost of all friendly matches has been maintained at £1 for each player, home and away. It is very likely that due to the circumstances already explained, the cost for 1971 will be £1.12½p

The Selection Committee, under the Chairmanship of the County President, has worked hard for the benefit of the Association, having met no less than 21 times. The discussions have been frank but harmonious. In addition to these meetings, members of the Selection Committee have stood on the bank on numerous occasions, trying to to assess ability and sort out the right combinations. Criticism is inevitable, but at least the members of the Committee have tried. There may even be some who will agree that the Selection Committee have done a good job. No expenses have been claimed by any member, considerable travelling and time being given for the benefit of the Association.

A word of thanks to the Wellingborough Town Club for the excellent facilities provided for meetings, also to the Abington Club and Kettering Conservative Club for accommodating the Council meetings. Thanks to those Clubs who have been good enough to accept County fixtures, often to the inconvenience of their own members.

The strength of our Association depends entirely on the co-operation and assistance provided by the affiliated Clubs and the support received has been most encouraging.

The Emergency Committee has met on three occasions and details of the business transacted duly reported to the subsequent meeting of the Council for confirmation.

The County Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation was again held at the Overstone Solarium on Wednesday, 21st October, 1970. On this occasion the County was honoured by the presence of the E.B.A. President Mr. Jessie Norris, also the Midland Counties President, Mr. Joe Wilcox, together with eleven County Presidents and Representatives from a total of fourteen Counties.

To most of us it was a pleasure to have our Ladies present. There was a total of 210 at the Dinner of which 52 were Ladies. Compared with last year the Club representation improved with just over one third of the total affiliation present.

On behalf of all members of the Association we record our deep regret at the Passing of a number of our friends and colleagues. We extend our sincere condolences to those who mourn. Our Greens will never be quite the same without the presence of those who have died, but we cherish the memory of their association and support in our respective Clubs. Amongst those to whom I refer is the late Alderman Arthur Allebone, Justice of the Peace, Past President and Chairman of our Benevolent Fund, for many years a staunch supporter of Bowls and a great many other activities in Town and County.

The Association is indebted to our Vice-Presidents Association for financial assistance and congratulate the Chairman, Mr. Bill Jennings on a very successful year. Also to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. George Wills

who together with the Chairman has been of great help and assistance to the County.

It is worthy of mention that in our annual fixture with the Vice-Presidents Association, the Vice-Presidents notched up a comfortable win against the County by 122 to 112 shots, a result which one may say has been well paid for. The efforts of the Vice-Presidents by way of financial contributions is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Bob Stenhouse—Mr. R. H. Stenhouse, on his appointment as E.B.A. Captain of England at the Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh, 1970. In the words of our President, 'As great an honour as any Bowler could wish to have'. Well done Bob Stenhouse, the County also appreciates the reflected glory, even if you are a Yorkshireman. Another of our Internationals, Mick Cooper, reminded us of his ability by winning the County Singles and subsequently representing the County at the National Championships and the M.C.B.A. Singles Championships at Loughborough. It is recorded with regret, that although in such excellent form, Mick Cooper was not successful at the International Trial in gaining an England place.

Congratulations to the Peterborough and District Triple, Messrs. Holden, Clarke and Goodwin on reaching the Semi-Finals, otherwise no County Representative progressed very far this year in the National Championships at Mortlake, but we extend congratulations to all who qualified and wish them well in subsequent years. Also to the Peterborough and District Club on winning the Manfield Cup.

The County Handbook has been issued for the first time and has been well received. The Competitions Section has worked and complimentary remarks have been received both as to the Handbooks appearance and contents. Our thanks and gratitude are due to the Editor, Mr. Len Knights for the excellent result he has achieved, also to Mr. Jack Hodson for the competition details and assistance with distribution. The County Handbook, as well as being useful, is a status symbol and the Northants edition compares favourably with any other in the Country. Thank you Gentlemen. *

I conclude this Report with an acknowledgement to all our Officials for their co-operation and assistance. To Mr. Joe Cooper our hard working Hon. Treasurer for his quiet and efficient conduct of our affairs and to the Asst. Hon. Secretary for taking over the Secretarial duties when required. It has been a happy year, worthy of our Association and enables the County to look forward to the future with confidence.

Dennis Baker, *Hon. Secretary N.B.A.*

* EDITOR'S NOTE: Our Hon. Sec. has been good enough to pay tribute to the County Handbook, but has, typically, omitted to mention his personal contribution in making available books, documents, etc., on request, and in co-operating in every way. His help and advice are invaluable.

Acknowledgement is also due to our Hon. Treasurer, for his contributions and for his willing assistance whenever requested.

The photographs of these two gentlemen, to whom the Association owes so much, are reproduced on the facing page.

Len Knights

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SUCCESSES IN E.B.A. (NATIONAL) CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1963	Semi-Finalist	C. Mason (Jnr.) (Kettering Conservative)
1968	Semi-Finalist	R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
1969	Semi-Finalist	R. S. T. King (Abington)

PAIRS

1928	WINNERS	W. Pendered, W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1932	WINNERS	A. H. Bull, G. S. Bull (Wellingborough Town)
1938	Semi-Finalists	W. Dainty, T. Goode (Wellingborough Town)
1945	Runners-up	W. T. Lawton, A. F. Knight (Abington)
1949	Semi-Finalists	F. Mason, C. Mason (Snr.) Kettering Conservative)
1957	Semi-Finalists	W. J. Stone, A. F. Knight (Abington)
1965	Semi-Finalists	S. H. Carter, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
1967	WINNERS	T. L. Morgan, J. Hope (County Ground) Also British Isles Championship Finalists
1969	Semi-Finalists	G. T. Wills, D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)

TRIPLES

1950	Runners-up	H. Wills, F. Tye, G. Fox (Rushden Town)
1953	Runners-up	F. V. V. Purser, A. F. Knight, C. J. Knight (Abington)
1964	Runners-up	S. H. Carter, R. Brook, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town
1965	WINNERS	E. Willson, L. Coker, D. E. Cooper (Kettering Lodge)
1968	WINNERS	H. F. Sturgess, J. Forster, R. Crawley (Wellingborough Town)
1969	WINNERS	E. Randall, G. T. Wills, D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)
1970	Semi-Finalists	S. Holden, L. J. Clarke, H. V. Goodwin (Peterborough and District)

FOURS

1909	WINNERS	J. T. Goode, C. Vorley, J. W. Bellamy, G. P. Coe (Wellingborough Town)
1912	WINNERS	A. J. Rowe, C. S. Jinks, T. Lee, C. C. Jinks (Wellingborough Town)
1921	Runners-up	S. Booth, R. Dexter, G. S. Bull, W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1946	Semi-Finalists	G. Gold, A. Bullock, A. Crossan, R. Dewar (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
1950	Semi-Finalists	G. Main, G. Nimmo, A. B. Maltman, D. Fletcher (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
1954	Runners-up	W. J. Stone, F. V. V. Purser, C. J. Knight, A. F. Knight (Abington)
1963	WINNERS	S. H. Carter, E. F. Marchant, L. Hough, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town) Also British Isles Championship Finalists
1964	Semi-Finalists	J. West, D. Houghton, F. Mellows, E. Smith (Finedon Town)

N.B.A. HONOURS BOARD—1970

INTERNATIONAL	R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town) Captain of England, Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh
INTERNATIONAL TRIAL	D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town), R. S. T. King (Abington). (Reserve)
E.B.A. Triples Semi-Finalists	S. Holden, L. J. Clarke, H. V. Goodwin (Peterborough and District)
N.B.A. Singles Champion	D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)
N.B.A. Singles Runner-up	R. Gargate (Abington)
N.B.A. Singles Semi-Finalists	H. Porter (Corby S. & L.) and R. Brook (Wellingborough Town)
N.B.A. Pairs Champions	J. Murray, S. R. Coupe (Peterborough Brotherhood)
N.B.A. Pairs Runnersup	R. E. Messenger, C. Bussey (Kettering Lodge)
N.B.A. Triples Champions	H. Drage, A. H. Smith, E. F. Marchant (Wellingborough Town)
N.B.A. Triples Runners-up	S. Holden, L. J. Clarke, H. V. Goodwin (Peterborough and District)
N.B.A. Fours Champions	H. Drage, H. Sturgess, R. Crawley, R. Brook (Wellingborough Town)
N.B.A. Fours Runners-up	C. Howe, T. Morgan, F. Heath, J. Hope (County Ground)

Mason Cup (Champion of Champions):

Cup	D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)
Runner-up	F. Heath (County Ground)
Semi-Finalists	R. Gargate (Abington and D. Rayner (Westwood Works)

Secretaries Cup:

Cup	A. G. Childs (John White's)
Runner-up	M. Coleman (Express Lifts)
Semi-Finalists	W. Balding (Kettering Lodge) and F. E. Goodwin (County Ground)
Manfield Cup—Winners	Peterborough and District B.C.

The following represented Northamptonshire in MIDDLETON CUP games in 1970:

A. G. Asher (Irthlingborough W.M.C.)
R. A. Billingham (Abington)
R. W. Bosworth (Kettering Lodge)
R. Brook (Wellingborough Town)
S. Carter (Wellingborough Town)
L. Coker (Kettering Lodge)
J. Conquest (Kettering Timpsons)
D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)
R. Crawley (Wellingborough Town)
R. Donoghue (Kettering Cons.)
H. Drage (Wellingborough Town)
J. Forster (Wellingborough Town)
R. Gargate (Abington)
F. Heath (County Ground)
G. A. V. Jesson (County Ground)
R. S. T. King (Abington)
E. F. Marchant (Wellingborough Town)
J. S. Miller (Thrapston)
F. Mucklin (Peterborough and District)
C. Mason (Kettering Cons.)
F. Mason (Kettering Cons.)
N. Mason (Kettering Cons.)
T. Morgan (County Ground)
G. Richards (Irthlingborough C.I.)
E. Smith (Wellingborough Town)
R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
A. P. Thurland (Kettering Lodge)
J. West (Wellingborough Town)
G. T. Wills (Rushden Town)
F. E. Wilson (Peterborough and District)

The following represented Northamptonshire in Midland Counties games in 1970. (not including Middleton Cup players who also played in M.C.B.A. games).

C. Howe (County Ground)
W. F. Oatridge (Rushden Town)
L. J. Clarke (Peterborough Park)
L. Hough (Wellingborough Town)
H. Porter (Corby S. & L.)
R. Messinger (Kettering Lodge)
C. Bussey (Kettering Lodge)
E. Willson (Kettering Lodge)

The following were awarded their **County Blazer Badges** in 1970, having played their **6th** game in County Friendly Matches.

T. Stephens (Wellingborough Swanspool)
W. Westley (Wellingborough Town)
A. Bygrave (County Ground)
R. W. Phillips (Peterborough Westwood)
A. T. Gray (Peterborough Westwood)
F. T. Bates (West End)
R. Clayson (Kettering Conservative)
K. Blackwell (Earls Barton)
S. Letts (Express Lifts)
B. Clark (West End)
R. Stapleton (Wellingborough Town)
S. A. Simons (Abington)
M. Allen (British Timken)
H. Porter (Corby S. & L.)
A. Frost (Rushden Town)
R. G. Buckby (Rothwell M.P.)
W. Hechtfisch (Abington)
P. Clark (Kettering Conservative)
A. Thompson (Kettering Conservative)
E. Lightwood (County Ground)
W. S. Powis (West End)
H. J. Hardy (Peterborough Westwood)
J. Ingman (Kettering Conservative)
J. Partridge (County Ground)
R. E. Hope (Thrapston)
J. Southam (Rushden Town)
J. Green (Daventry British Timken)
E. G. Tipler (Rushden Town)
J. Sinclair (West End)

The following were awarded their **Colts Lapel Badges** in 1970, having played their **1st** game in County Friendly Matches.

F. Johnson (N'pton Machinery Co.)
A. G. Childs (John White's)
H. A. Phillips (Peterboro' Westwood)
D. Westwood (Peterboro' Westwood)
D. T. Symonds (Watney Mann)
G. Hanger (Kettering Conservative)
J. Hand (Kettering Lodge)
A. Barratt (Kettering Midland Band)
T. Lee (Wellingborough Town)
S. Chambers (Watney Mann)
H. C. Anderson (County Ground)
W. G. Chambers (Kettering Cons.)
G. Mould (St. Crispins)
W. Askham (Earls Barton)
J. Sinfield (Earls Barton)
M. Coleman (Express Lifts)
G. F. Gray (Rushden Town)
J. Ritchie (Corby S. & L.)
K. Taylor (Corby S. & L.)
J. Warwick (West End)
J. Vickers (Kettering Conservative)
J. Bonnar (Wellingborough Town)
B. Markham (Rushden Spencer Park)
M. Lewin (Corby S. & L.)
J. M. Watson (Corby S. & L.)
G. Love (Wellingborough Town)
K. Redding (Watney Mann)
P. Horsford (Rushden Town)
C. Gray (N'pton and County Police)
B. E. Ireson (Pianoforte Supplies)